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Inventor application of: Schaldach, et al

Application No.: 09/695,562

Group No.: 3738

Filed: 10/24/2000

Examiner: Matthews, W.H.

For: STENT HAVING DISCONTINUOUS COATING IN THE FORM OF COATING ISLANDS

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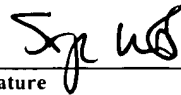
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

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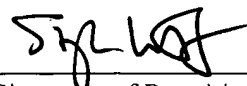
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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT
FOR APPROVAL BY EXAMINER (37 C.F.R. 1.123)

Attached please find 1 formal drawing showing the proposed changes to the drawing(s) in this application, for which the approval of the Examiner is requested.

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